

## Message Text

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R 150445Z MAY 74

FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6117

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

UNCLAS PHNOM PENH 6762

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG ECON CB

SUBJ: POL PRICES - UPI STORY

REF: PHNOM PENH 6711

1. IN A UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL STORY DATELINE PHNOM PENH APPEARING IN MAY 13 ISSUE OF STARS AND STRIPES, IT WAS REPORTED THAT KHMER GOVERNMENT RAISED THE PRICE OF GASOLINE FROM 18 CENTS PER GALLON TO 24 CENTS PER GALLON.

2. UNFORTUNATELY PRICES QUOTED IN UPI STORY ARE INACCURATE. FORMER PRICE OF GASOLINE AT 68 RIELS PER LITER IS EQUIVALENT TO U.S. SIXTY-ONE CENTS PER U.S. GALLON. ON SUNDAY, MAY 12, GOVERNMENT RAISED THE PRICE TO 100 RIELS PER LITER WHICH IS U.S. NINETY CENTS PER U.S. GALLON.

3. UNABLE DETERMINE BASIS FOR UPI ERROR ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE DUE TO CONFUSION BETWEEN LITERS AND GALLONS.

4. ARTICLE ALSO STATED THAT GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE SAID THERE UNCLASSIFIED

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HAD BEEN CASES OF GASOLINE SMUGGLING TO NEIGHBORING SOUTH

VIETNAM AND THAILAND. COMMUNIQUE DID NOT STATE THERE  
HAD BEEN CASES OF SMUGGLING BUT RATHER THAT ONE OF  
THREE REASONS FOR RAISING PRICE OF GASOLINE WAS TO  
FORESTALL POSSIBILITY OF SMUGGLING. OTHER TWO REASONS  
WHICH COMMUNIQUE SPECIFIED FOR INCREASING PRICES OF  
GASOLINE WERE THAT WORLD PRICES OF POL PRODUCTS HAD  
DOUBLED SINCE DECEMBER 73 AND AS A RESULT PRICE  
INCREASES ALSO NECESSARY TO AVOID CONTINUED SUBSIDY  
WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED IF FORMER GASOLINE PRICES  
HAD STAYED IN EFFECT.  
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